

Gerhard Ihnken Residence and Store
Castroville, Texas.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
Bartlett Cocke, District Officer
615 Maverick Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

GERHARD IHNKEN RESIDENCE AND STORE
Castroville, Medina County, Texas.

Present Owner: Max A. Bachofen

Date of Erection: 1851

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Gerhard Ihnken

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Limestone, cypress and oak.

Other Existing Records: Deeds in Medina County Courthouse.

Additional Data:

Mr. Ihnken was born in Germany and reared in Holland; his wife was French and reared on the Marne. Mr and Mrs. Ihnken immigrated to Galveston, Texas in 1844, later to Castroville. Mr. Ihnken was one of Prince Solm-Braunfels followers, but, instead of going to his colony at the present New Braunfels, Texas he joined the Castro colony and came to Castroville August 1, 1846. His house was built in 1851 on the main trail to Mexico. Mr Ihnken had a standing contract with the Mexican government to supply them with hides and tallow. He resided in this house and operated a store until 1866, he then returned to his native Germany to collect an inheritance.

The house has four room, two halls, and a pitched roof of hand split cypress shingles.

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